

REMARKS

An election of species is only proper if the search and examination of the entire application represents a serious burden. The Restriction identifies three allegedly distinct species. All three species are recited within each of two dependent claims only. Because the examination of these three allegedly distinct species (all falling within two dependent claims) do not represent a serious burden, the Requirement is not proper.

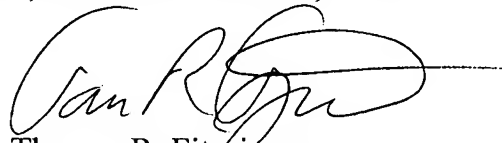
Because search and examination of these three species should properly be limited to their scope in a dependent claim only that is limited to an electrolyte and including the structural limitations of relevant independent claims, the field of search will be sufficiently limited and narrow. No serious burden is therefore presented.

For these reasons, Applicants request that the election of species be withdrawn and that all identified species be examined together. Applicants request an early examination of the claims, and Applicant's undersigned attorney requests the favor of a phone call if any matters remain for attention before examination can proceed.

Respectfully submitted,

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